

# **Attachment A**

Resolution No. 2026-29

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- \_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DISSOLVING THE NEWPORT BEACH POLICE HEADQUARTERS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE, AND CREATING THE NEWPORT BEACH POLICE HEADQUARTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 200 of the City Charter, of the City of Newport Beach (“City”), vests the City Council with the authority to make and enforce all laws, rules, and regulations with respect to municipal affairs subject only to the restrictions and limitations contained in the Charter and the State Constitution, and the power to exercise, or act pursuant to any and all rights, powers, and privileges, or procedures granted or prescribed by any law of the State of California;

**WHEREAS**, the Newport Beach Police Department (“NBPD”) headquarters, located at 870 Santa Barbara Drive, constructed in 1973, no longer adequately meets the operational needs of the NBPD as identified in a recent use survey, and comprehensive needs assessment;

**WHEREAS**, the use survey determined that the existing facility comprises 49,284 gross square feet, while the needs assessment concluded that a new headquarters should be a minimum of 73,000 gross square feet to adequately accommodate the Patrol Division and a properly designed firearms training and shooting range;

**WHEREAS**, on October 14, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-65, creating the Newport Beach Police Headquarters Assessment Committee, an ad hoc committee comprised of Mayor Pro Tem Noah Blom and Councilmembers Michelle Barto and Sara J. Weber, to evaluate potential locations and assess the feasibility, cost, and design of a new NBPD headquarters (“Ad Hoc Committee”);

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2026, City staff presented an update to the City Council on upcoming public works and capital improvement programs, including a preview of the research underway by the Ad Hoc Committee, which identified potential locations for a new NBPD headquarters, including its current location on Santa Barbara Drive, 1201 Dove Street, the Civic Center area, and a portion of City-owned property adjacent to the Civic Center (“Civic Center Campus”);

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2026, the City Council held a study session to discuss the research of the Ad Hoc Committee, including the four potential locations for a new NBPD headquarters, and feasibility and costs associated with each location;

**WHEREAS**, of the three primary locations identified for a potential new NBPD headquarters, the existing Santa Barbara Drive site, 1201 Dove Street, and the Civic Center Campus, the City Council has directed further evaluation of the Civic Center Campus to better understand its feasibility, while maintaining all identified locations for future consideration;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that meaningful community engagement and public input are essential to evaluating the location, feasibility and community benefits of a new NBPD headquarters;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council therefore desires to transition from an internal assessment to a broader advisory process that incorporates robust community engagement and public input; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee and create a new advisory committee which includes members of the public to incorporate and facilitate public participation in the process.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach resolves as follows:

**Section 1:** Resolution No. 2025-65 is hereby repealed.

**Section 2:** The City Council hereby creates the Newport Beach Police Headquarters Advisory Committee ("Committee"), with the number of members, term, qualification of appointees, selection process, purpose, responsibilities and other related rules as set forth in Attachment "1", which is incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 3:** The recitals provided in this resolution are true and correct and are incorporated into the operative part of this resolution.

**Section 4:** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this resolution. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that anyone or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**Section 5:** The City Council finds the adoption of this resolution is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378)

of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

**Section 6:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting the resolution.

**ADOPTED** this 12th day of May, 2026.

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Lauren Kleiman  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Lena Shumway  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**



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Aaron C. Harp  
City Attorney

Attachment 1: Description of the Newport Beach Police Headquarters Advisory Committee

## ATTACHMENT 1

### NEWPORT BEACH POLICE HEADQUARTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- AUTHORIZATION:** Established by Resolution No. 2026-\_\_ adopted on May 12, 2026.
- MEMBERSHIP:** Seven (7) members total, including three (3) City Council Members and four (4) residents of the City, all of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.
- CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:** The Mayor shall appoint the Committee Chair and Vice Chair.
- MEMBERSHIP TERM:** Membership shall be indefinite, pending expiration or termination of the Committee. Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council.
- MEETINGS:** Meetings shall be held as required by the business needs of the Committee in such locations, dates, and times allowed by the Ralph M. Brown Act.
- QUALIFICATIONS OF CITIZEN MEMBERS:** All appointed citizen members shall be City of Newport Beach residents, and shall include:
- A. One (1) member with construction management, real estate development, architectural, and/or land use planning knowledge and experience;
  - B. One (1) member with real estate financing knowledge and experience; and
  - C. Two (2) at-large members with no required specialized knowledge or experience.
- SELECTION OF APPOINTED CITIZEN MEMBERS:** Selection of citizen members shall be made as follows:
- A. The City Clerk shall prepare a notice letting members of the public know of the opportunity to serve on the Committee and the application process. The notice shall include, but not be limited to, details regarding what information is necessary to be considered for appointment, where to apply, and the application deadline.

- B. The application notice shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and posted in the City' s normal posting location for agendas, as well as the Newport Beach Public Library located at 1000 Avocado Avenue.
- C. The deadline to submit applications for the Committee shall be one (1) week after the application notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.
- D. The Mayor shall form an ad hoc appointments committee, which shall be comprised of the Mayor and two (2) Council Members to review the applications, the applicants' answers to any questions, and to conduct any necessary interviews.
- E. In conducting their review of applications and interviews with the individual applicants, if any, the ad hoc appointments committee shall attempt to determine if there exists a potential conflict of interest which might interfere with the performance of the applicant's duties in an impartial manner free from bias.
- F. After the applications have been reviewed and any necessary interviews conducted, the two (2) Council Members on the ad hoc appointment committee shall make a recommendation to the Mayor regarding who should be appointed to the Committee. In making a recommendation to the Mayor, the two (2) Council Members on the ad hoc appointment committee shall endeavor to avoid recommending the appointment of applicants with conflicts of interest that would require repeated disqualification from voting on issues that are likely to come before the Committee.
- G. The Mayor shall consider the recommendation of the two (2) Council Members on the ad hoc appointment committee, and after consideration of the recommendation, decide, in the Mayor's

discretion, who should be appointed to the Committee.

H. The Mayor shall inform the City Clerk of the names of the members to be appointed to the Committee, and the City Clerk will submit the names of the appointees to the City Council, at an open and noticed meeting, to be considered for confirmation by the City Council.

I. Except as otherwise required by law, the process for selecting, appointing and confirming members to the Committee shall follow the process set forth herein.

**PURPOSE &  
RESPONSIBILITIES:**

A. Evaluate and assess the feasibility of the Civic Center Campus as a potential site for a new Newport Beach Police Department headquarters, while recognizing that other previously identified sites remain under consideration by the City Council;

B. Assess the cost and design of developing a new Newport Beach Police Department headquarters and provide recommendations to the City Council; and

C. Such other related matters as directed by the City Council.

**EXPIRATION:**

The Committee shall expire upon making its recommendations to the entire City Council at a noticed public meeting of the City Council, or December 31, 2029, whichever is earlier.